UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Robert M. Barrett Bell, Boyd & Lloyd, LLC P.O. Box 1135 Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135

In re Application of

AFFOLTER, et al.

U.S. Application No.: 09/936,367

PCT No.: PCT/EP00/01796

Int. Filing Date: 02 March 2000

Priority Date: 11 March 1999

Attorney Docket No.: 112843-029

For: EXPRESSION OF PROTEOLYTIC

ENZYMES IN KOJI MOLD IN THE PRESENCE OF CARBON SOURCES

DECISION ON RENEWED

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)" filed 01 April 2004.

BACKGROUND

On 29 January 2004, applicant was mailed a decision dismissing applicant's petition to revive the present national stage application. Applicant was afforded two months to file any request for reconsideration.

On 01 April 2004, applicant filed the present renewed petition. Applicant has certified that the present papers were deposited for mailing on 29 March 2004 and are thererfore considered timely filed.

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requesting that the application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, (2) the petition fee required by law, (3) a statement that the, "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional" and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c) (where required). Applicant previously satisfied items (2) - (4) above.

A review of the application file reveals that applicant has currently satisfied item (1) in providing a compliant Sequence Listing for the present application. As such, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned

Application No.: 09/936,367

under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 02 March 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and will be given a date of 23 January 2002 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision.

Derek A. Putonen

Dha Ret

Attorney Advisor

Office of PCT Legal Administration

Tel: (703) 305-0130 Fax: (703) 308-6459